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SUBJECT: UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES VISITS
- NEW ZEALAND

REF: WELLINGTON 0380

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES PAUL HARTLING ARRIVED IN NEW ZEALAND MARCH 8
AND PROMPTLY MADE AN APPEAL FOR NZ TO ACCEPT AN ADDI-
TIONAL INTAKE OF REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY FROM SOUTHEAST
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ASIA. REFERRING TO PROMISES FROM THE US, CANADA AND
FRANCE TO TAKE MORE REFUGEES, HARTLING SAID HE HOPED NZ
"WILL BE GENEROUS ENOUGH" TO ACCOMMODATE MORE REFUGEES
AS WELL. HE IS EXPECTED TO REPEAT THIS APPEAL THROUGHOUT
HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT DURING MEETINGS WITH GOVERNOR GENERAL
HOLYOAKE, MFA AND LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, SEVERAL
CABINET MINISTERS AND PRIMIN MULDOON. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: HARTLING'S IMMEDIATE AND PUBLIC APPEAL WAS CONTRARY TO MFA'S EXPECTATIONS OF HARTLING'S PRONOUNCEMENT DURING HIS VISIT. MFA OFFICIALS BELIEVED HARTLING HAD BEEN WELL-BRIEFED ON NEW ZEALAND'S PAST RECORD AS A REFUGEE, THAT HE UNDERSTOOD NEW ZEALAND'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PLIGHT AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND WAS AWARE OF THE SLOW RATE OF ASSIMILATION OF THE 420 SEA REFUGEES ALREADY ACCEPTED. THEY DID NOT EXPECT HE WOULD PRESS THE GNZ AT THIS TIME, EITHER PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY, FOR AN ADDITIONAL QUOTA OF SEA REFUGEES. HOWEVER, MFA OFFICIALS SAY THEY DID INTEND TO ADVISE HARTLING PRIVATELY OF THEIR HOPE THAT AN ADDITIONAL QUOTA OF REFUGEES (NUMBER UNSPECIFIED) MIGHT BE ADMITTED TO NZ ABOUT MID-YEAR. THEY ALSO INTEND TO ANNOUNCE, COINCIDENT WITH HIS VISIT, A ONE-TIME VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR FUND. (AMOUNT WILL NOT BE LARGE, PROBABLY ABOUT \$100,000.) END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. SELDEN

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